REMARKS

On December 12, 2004, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney had a telephonic interview, where the Examiner asked that the Applicant amend claim 8 to be dependent from claim 12 instead of original claim 1, as claim 1 was canceled. The undersigned attorney agreed that the wound care device of claim 8 should be dependent on the remaining independent claim 12. The Examiner stated she would make the amendment and allow the claims.

The Notice of Allowance mailed December 15, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. By Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner amended claim 8, deleting "1" and entering "12" into claim 8. As a result, claim 8 now reads as follows:

8. (currently amended) A wound care device according to claim 12, characterized in that the device comprises from 0-60% of fibers other than chitosan.

The Applicant is concerned that as currently pending, claim 8 is a device claim dependent on a method claim, and is not in conformance with remaining device claims 24-30. As such, the Applicant wishes to amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (currently amended) A wound care device according to made by the method of claim 12, characterized in that the device comprises from 0-60% of fibers other than chitosan.

The Applicant believes that the above amendment merely clarifies claim 8 and does not alter the scope of the allowed claim, requires no additional search or examination, has no adverse impact on the decision to allow the claim, and therefore requests entry of the amendment. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the

number provided. Should there be any fees for the entry of this Rule 312 Amendment, the PTO is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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